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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8550

INFO AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 15703

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: JAPANESE RICE FOR CAMBODIA

REF: TOKYO 14872

1. ON TWO OCCASIONS SINCE DISPATCH OF REFTEL EMBOFF HAS REVIEWED WITH SASAKI, DEPUTY HEAD, SECOND ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIVISION, FONOFF, PROSPECTS FOR TIMELY SHIPPING OF JAPANESE RICE PER TARGET DATE (DECEMBER 10) PREDICTED REFTEL. ON DECEMBER 4 SASAKI TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE HAD THAT MORNING CHECKED WITH BOTH FOOD AGENCY AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (NOT MINISTRY OF LABOR AS INDICATED EARLIER). FOOD AGENCY CONFIRMED RICE WILL BE SHIPPED AS SCHEDULED ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 10. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION SAID IT UNAWARE ANY STRIKE PREPARATIONS AND NOT EXPECTING LABOR PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME.

2. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR SITUATION CLOSELY. ALTHOUGH IT NOW SEEMS THAT SHIPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SCHEDULE, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT MINIMUM TIME TO ARRANGE FOR MILITARY SEALIFT VESSEL WOULD BE SEVEN TO TEN DAYS.

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EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPARTMENT REVIEW EMBASSY PHNOM PENH'S

PRESENT RICE SUPPLY/DEMAND PROJECTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER
URGENCY OF SITUATION IS SUCH THAT PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE USE
MILITARY SEALIFT SHOULD GO FORWARD IN ABSENCE RECEIPT ANY
INFO HERE IN TOKYO INDICATING LABOR PROBLEMS MAY ARISE.
EMBASSY PHNOM PENH MAY WISH TO COMMENT. SHOESMITH

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